

REMARKS

The non-final Office Action was issued on pending claims 1, 10-14 and 22-27. Claims 1, 10-14 and 22-27 stand rejected. In this Response, claims 1, 11-14 and 23-26 have been amended, claims 10 and 22 have been canceled, and no claims have been added. Thus, claims 1, 11-14 and 23-27 are pending in the application.

Applicant invites the Examiner to call Applicant's Representative to discuss any issues with this application.

Specification

In Office Action paragraph 3, title was objected to. The title on page 1 of the specification has been amended to read "INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND DISTRIBUTION MEDIUM FOR STORING AND ACCESSING DATA." Thus, Applicant submits that the objection should be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. §102

In Office Action paragraph 5, claims 1, 10-14 and 22-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hug et al. (US 5,806,078). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 has been amended to include features of claim 10 and claim 14 has been amended to include features of claim 22. Accordingly, claims 10 and 22 have been canceled without prejudice. Also, claim 26 has been amended similarly to the amendments to claims 1 and 14.

The amendments to the claims relate to the feature of Applicant's invention in which time information, such as day and/or time, of the stored data is used to access the data. As to the information processing apparatus of claim 1, the control means reproduces the state of the application program corresponding to the set day and/or time. Accordingly, the application program is reproduced to have the data at the set day and/or time. Claims 14 and 26 have been amended to include similar features.

Examples of Applicant's invention are described in the specification at page 40, line 22-page 44, line 11 and shown in Fig. 25. A display window 200 shows the user's computer desktop environment at a set day and/or time, such as Friday, November 20, 1998, 15:00 hours

which is shown in display section 127. An image browser which receives the day and/or time information displays a photographic image photographed around the set day and/or time on a window 201. A display section 203 shows that the photographic image was photographed at 16:00 hours, November 20, 1998. This example of Applicant's invention shows the feature of linking between the image browser application and the desktop environment application based on the day and/or time. The image browser application program is reproduced to correspond to the set day and/or time.

Applicant respectfully submits that such features are not shown or described in Hug et al. Hug et al. does not describe or suggest linking of time information, such as day and/or time, between two applications and reproducing the state of an application program corresponding to the linked day and/or time. For example, Fig. 9 of Hug et al., which is mentioned in the Office Action with reference to claim 10, merely shows a dialogue box accessible from the menu of Fig. 7. More specifically, Hug et al. at column 9, lines 35-44 describes Fig. 9 as being a Version Open dialogue which allows the user to perform library check-out functions. Fig. 9 of Hug et al. is merely used to check out or open a particular file. Although the Hug et al. Version Open dialogue may have a version number or name associated with a particular file, such version number or name is not Applicant's linking of two applications at a set day and/or time such that the state of the application program is reproduced corresponding to the set day and/or time received from the other application program.

Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that the §102 rejections should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the patent application.

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